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FOR:

AIR DISTRIBUTOR ASSEMBLY AND PROCESS FOR AIR  
CONDITIONING A TEXTILE MACHINE USING A  
DISPLACEMENT-TYPE AIR FLOW STREAM

SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.175

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As below named co-inventors, we hereby declare that:

The residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to the name of each inventor.

We believe that we are joint inventors – the original, first and only inventors – of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a reissued patent is sought on the invention entitled “Air Distributor Assembly and Process for Air Conditioning a Textile Machine Using a Displacement-Type Air Flow Stream”, the specification of which was filed with the original Reissue Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.175 on November 25, 1997.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims of the original patent, new claims 20-23 presented in the reissue application filed on November 25, 1997, and the amendment to new claim 21 contained in the

response dated March 12, 1999.

We further acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

We verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative by reason of Applicant claiming less than it had a right to claim in the patent. The original claims are insufficient in that each recites application of the invention to textile weaving machines. This unnecessary limitation makes the original patent wholly or partly inoperative. We submit that this error in the claims was inadvertent, arose prior to issuance of the patent, and occurred without any deceptive intent. The error was first discovered and made apparent to Applicant upon consideration of the air diffuser described in U.S. Patent No. 5,505,385 issued after issuance of Applicant's original patent.

In addition, every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior declarations submitted in this application to date, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

The newly added and amended claims of the present reissue application correct the insufficiency of the original claims by reciting application of the invention to textile machines, without limitation to textile *weaving* machines. At least in this regard, the claims of the reissue application are broader than the original claims.

A claim of foreign priority is made to Swiss application no. CH 02815/91 filed on September 23, 1991.

We hereby declare that all statements made hereby of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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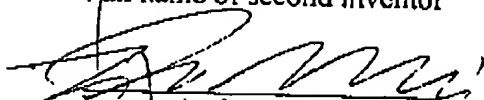
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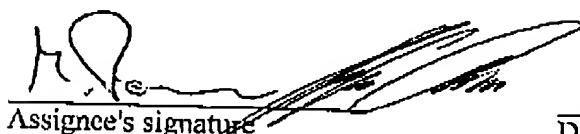
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